

Appendix 1
ADOPTED COMMUNITY GOALS

COMMUNITY AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

- Encourage an efficient community and rural development pattern for Panama and the surrounding area containing a system of land-uses, including agriculture, residential, commercial, industry, public, and semipublic uses.
- Control future community (residential, commercial, and industry) development to ensure an orderly development pattern which utilizes the existing utility system, discouraging leapfrog development, and keeping all development within the future corporate limits.
- Maintain the existing Village Center as the hub of community activity and life.

HOUSING

- Encourage the preservation and maintenance of existing housing areas.
- Permit a variety of housing types (single-family, duplex, and multiple).
- Limit future mobile homes to locations within designated mobile home courts.
- Encourage the provision of appropriate housing in close proximity to the Village Center to meet the housing needs of elderly residents.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT

- Maintain a vigorous agricultural economy.
- Encourage the expansion of local employment and job opportunities.

- Limit future industrial development to a light industrial variety in locations that minimize adverse impacts and effects on the community.

COMMERCIAL SERVICES AND FACILITIES

- Maintain and enhance the multi-use function of the Village Center.
- Promote the introduction of new and varied commercial and complementary community facilities into the Village Center.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Utilities

- Provide that all residents and community development areas have water distribution and sewage collection and disposal facilities, storm drainage and electrical systems, and solid waste collection and disposal services.
- Encourage the use of existing vacant properties within the community for development purposes before extending community utilities and facilities to new developments of any substantial size.

Protection

- Improve law enforcement in conjunction with all law enforcement agencies.
- Provide adequate fire protection.
- Increase capacity to handle emergencies including tornado and medical.

Education

- Ensure the availability of quality educational programs.

Parks and Recreation

- Meet the recreational and leisure needs of the community through the implementation of a park and open space plan.

Social and Human Services

- Seek improvement of public information, social, cultural, health, and human service programs for all segments of the community population.
- Provide improved multipurpose community meeting and activity facilities.

Cooperation

- Seek intergovernmental cooperation with the county and other communities for the purpose of providing specific services that local populations cannot support independently.

TRANSPORTATION

- Ensure residents access to employment and essential community and commercial services and the necessary mobility, including possible bus service to Lincoln.
- Improve traffic and pedestrian safety by posting railroad crossing and other traffic controls.
- Provide a system of sidewalks and walkways to enable safe and convenient pedestrian movement.
- Encourage provision of off-street parking.
- Provide adequate street maintenance including snow removal and possible curb construction.

ENVIRONMENT

- Maintain an attractive and healthful community environment.
- Maintain the agricultural use of rural area, restricting the scattering of non-agricultural development in the rural area.
- Conserve natural resources and energy.